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SUBJ; CONGRESSMAN MCDONALD'S REMARKS ON CUBA, STATE DEPARTMENT
POLICY, AND CHILE'S IMAGE

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1. DURING SECOND PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 4, CONGRESSMAN
MCDONALD REPORTEDLY SAID HE HOPED DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD TAKE
CLEAR POSITION OF LEADERSHIP " TO PREVENT ENTRANCE OF CUBA"
IN OAS. SAID THAT "GOVERNMENT OF CASTRO IS A PARTISAN OF
THE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE" AND IS TRAINING GUERRILLAS" TO
EXPORT ITS IDEAL TO WESTERN COUNTRIES." HE WARNED THAT
ILLUSION OF A CHANGED CASTRO IS FALSE AND ITS ACCEPTANCE
WOULD BE A FATAL ERROR.

2. CONGRESSMAN REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT AS BEING PARTIALLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNISM IN CUBA, STATING THAT CUBAN PEOPLE
WERE SUBJECTED TO COMMUNISM "IN EFFECT BY A POLICY BORN IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF MY COUNTRY," AND ALSO BY US
FINANCIAL DEALINGS. " IT SADDENS ME, BUT I BELIEVE IT IS
NECESSARY TO TELL THE TRUTH."

3. DURING CONFERENCE CONGRESSMAN MCDONALD APPARENTLY
MADE MANY OF SAME POINTS MENTIONED REF B, ESPECIALLY
PARA 3, C. HE BLAMED MISGUIDED US PUBLIC IMAGE OF CUBA
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AND CHILE ON US PRESS DISTORTIONS OF REALITY; THE CHILEAN

PEOPLE KNOW WELL THAT CASTRO HAS NOT STOPPED EXPORTING
REVOLUTION, "BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE NORTH AMERICAN
COMMUNICATION MEDIA ARE NOT TELLING THE PEOPLE THE TRUTH."

4. WITH REGARD TO CHILE, CONGRESSMAN MAINTAINED THAT
GOC WAS SUBJECT OF WORLDWIDE COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN; THAT
VARIOUS "SECTORS OF COMMUNICATION MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT IN
MY COUNTRY" ARE AFFECTED BY IT : AND THAT IT IS TIME TO
HELP OURFRIENDS AND NOT THE ENEMY.
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